

## **Legislative Preview** **Wednesday, January 10, 7-9 pm** **Fuller Lodge**



Partnering with the League of Women Voters, we will again co-sponsor this community program. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm. The 2018 session of the legislature begins on January 16 and will last 30 days.

Our legislators, Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard and Senators Carlos Cisneros and Richard Martinez will participate. We have also invited Chief Justice Judith Nakamura (or her representative) to discuss the pretrial release and detention rules issued by the New Mexico Supreme Court this year as well as the need for increased funding for the judiciary. Everyone is invited to this informative preview.

### **Tech Trek**

Those of us who were able to attend the holiday lunch were treated to an enchanting description of the Tech Trek 2017 camp presented by Natalie Carmona. Natalie is an honor student but was very apprehensive about coming to camp. However, she was soon enmeshed in a wonderful learning experience, working on hands-on activities with enthusiastic mentors; she didn't want it to end. She met new friends from different parts of the state and wants to encourage her schoolmates to apply for camp this coming year.

Natalie came with her mother who had also been an honor student. Her Mom (who will receive her bachelor's degree this spring) had no support to continue her education and contrasted that lack with the encouragement Tech Trek offers to capable young girls through the camp experience. I wish all of you could have heard and met Natalie so that you would understand what a powerful and possibly life-changing experience Tech Trek is for young girls.



If you want to get your tax-deductible contribution to Tech Trek in before the end of the calendar year, make your check out to **AAUW Tech Trek NM** and mail to:  
**Tech Trek NM**  
**P.O. Box 251**  
**Placitas, NM 87043**  
Contributions will be welcome also after the first of the year.

Tech Trek NM 2018 will take place June 10-16, 2018 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Nomination letters have been e-mailed to 7th and 8th grade science teachers. I encourage you to contact any 7th and 8th grade science teachers you know to nominate up to 4 girls to attend camp this summer. Teacher nominations are due by January 31, 2018. Forms are available at <https://techtrek-nm.aauw.net>. Tech Trek NM 2014 and 2015 Alumni may apply for Junior Counselor positions at camp. Tech Trek NM Alumni Reunion (for all previous campers 2014-2017) will be held on March 18, 2018 at UNM in Albuquerque.

### Book Group

The Book Group will not meet in January.

### Non-fiction Book Group

The next meeting will be on Jan 15 at 7:30 pm. We will discuss *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson. Rosmarie Frederickson, 1372 47th, will host and review; let Rosmarie know if you will be there (577-1914, [frederrh@yahoo.com](mailto:frederrh@yahoo.com)).

### Science Fair 2017

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Los Alamos Science Fair. We continue our decades old tradition of recognizing worthy elementary students with a small cash award and a personal note from our team. The judges have \$150.00 to distribute to either individual or class projects at their discretion. Judges will meet at 9:00am and will finish by noon.

If you have had a career in the sciences or have taught elementary students, please consider joining our 2018 judging team. To join the team, contact Marilyn Doolen at 672-3571, [mtdoolen@aol.com](mailto:mtdoolen@aol.com).

### Caring for Los Alamos with LA Cares

was a grand success. We collected enough money to fill 76 bags with 3 types of pears, apples, clementines, and naval oranges. Recipients were thrilled to have **fresh** fruit, and we filled enough bags to serve all who came. Plus we have enough money to buy several boxes of fruit for a February distribution. Finally we have donated the

remaining money to LA Cares to spend on what is most needed. Thanks to all who contributed, to the fruit buyers, packers and deliverers.



### Great Decisions

The Morning Great Decisions group meets on the second and fourth Mondays beginning in January at Mesa Public Library at 10:00 am. As soon as the books arrive, we will distribute them to the members. If they arrive in time, we will discuss (as a group) topic number 4, *The media and foreign policy*, at our first meeting on January 8. The other dates are Jan 22, Feb 12, Feb 26, Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 9, Apr 23 and May 14(if needed).

The Evening Great Decision group is led by Helena Whyte (672-9153, [mozden08@aol.com](mailto:mozden08@aol.com)); the organizational meeting is Thursday, January 25th at 7:15 pm at Helena's home, 100 El Morro in White Rock.

**The Harriet Dodder Memorial Fund** has received over \$4300.00 to date. The fund will close in May, 2018. The LAPS Foundation has created a web site to make contributing easier: <https://lapsfoundation.com/books/>.

### State News

The Winter Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 in Santa Fe.

Legislative Day at the Roundhouse will be Monday, January 29.

AAUW NM Legacy of Leadership Award Nominations are due by January 7, 2018 to Sheila

Portillo, [ssports53@gmail.com](mailto:ssports53@gmail.com). The 250 word nomination should demonstrate how an AAUW member shows outstanding service and support to AAUW's mission. Eligibility criteria are included in the Winter Roadrunner and on the NM web site (<https://aauw-nm.aauw.net>).

AAUW-NM NCCWSL Scholarship applications are due January 15, 2018. If you know a college student who would like to attend, direct her to the Winter Roadrunner for the application:

(<https://www.aauw-nm.aauw.net/files/2017/12/AAUW-NM-Roadrunner-WIN18.pdf>).

### Out 'n About

A group of Los Alamos and Santa Fe AAUW members and spouses led by joint member Nancy Scheer enjoyed a magical if chilly trip to the Santa Fe Botanical garden GLOW followed by a group supper at the Loyal Hound.



## Branch Calendar

Jan	8	Great Decisions – Morning group
Jan	10	Legislative Preview
Jan	20	Science Fair Judging
Jan	22	Great Decisions – Morning group
Jan	25	Great Decisions – Evening group
Jan	28	Leadership Team Meeting
Jan	29	Legislative Day at the Roundhouse

## Coordinating Council for 2017-18

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???	Nominating Chair		